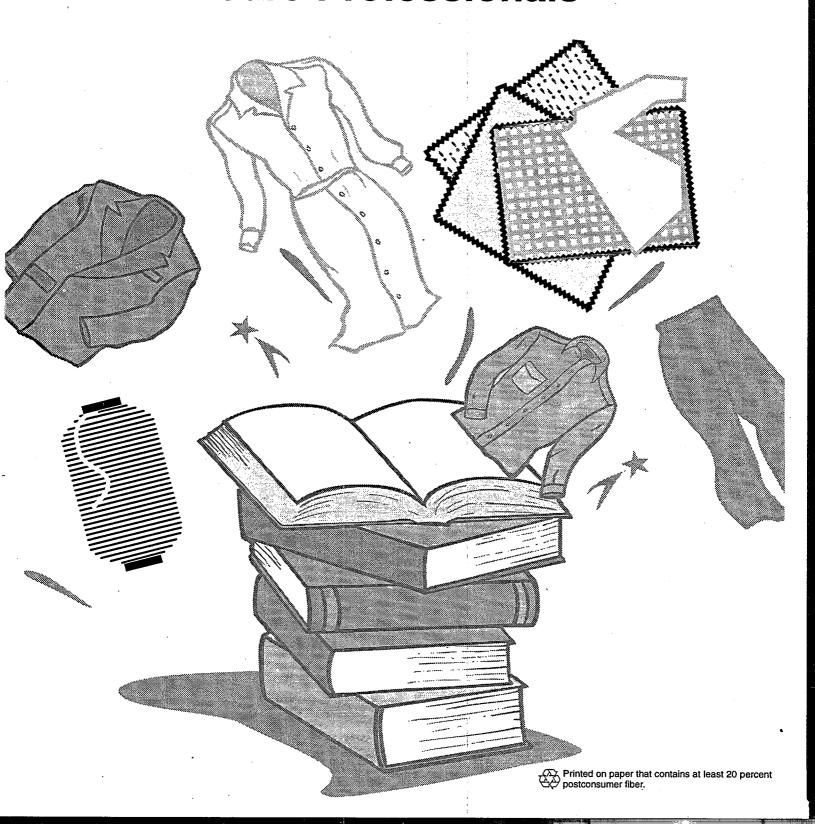
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Resource Guide for Garment and Textile Care Professionals





About This Booklet

This booklet is part of a series of U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
publications on garment and textile care industry
issues, alternative technologies, and research
initiatives. Covering a wide range of topics and
organizations, the printed and electronic
information resources listed in this booklet will
help garment and textile care professionals and
others learn more about issues currently facing
the industry.

By staying on top of developments within the industry, garment and textile care professionals can

improve their operations and bottom line, while contributing to a healthy environment and safer workplace. As consumers increasingly choose "green" products and services, garment and textile care professionals who consider the health and environmental impacts of their business decisions are more likely to meet the challenges of today's competitive marketplace.

Although this booklet is not a complete list of resources and organizations, it does offer a starting point for exploring issues regarding the professional garment and textile care industry.

EPA's Design for the Environment (DfE) Program

The Design for the Environment (DfE) Program harnesses EPA's expertise and leadership to facilitate information exchange and research on risk reduction and pollution prevention efforts. Working with businesses and industries on a voluntary basis, DfE strives to:

- Assist businesses in incorporating environmental concerns into decision-making processes.
- Work with specific industries to evaluate the risks, performance, and costs of alternative chemicals, processes, and technologies.
- Help individual businesses undertake environmental design efforts through the application of specific tools and methods.

DfE partners include representatives from industry, professional institutions and associations, academia, environmental groups, labor groups, public interest groups, and other government agencies.

The DfE Garment and Textile Care Program is a voluntary collaboration between the garment and textile care industry, environmental groups, and U.S. EPA, dedicated to reducing risks and preventing pollution associated with dry cleaning chemicals. Specifically, the program has focused on the risks, costs, and performance of traditional dry cleaning operations in an effort to help garment and textile care professionals incorporate environmental concerns into both their day-to-day and long-term business decisions. Toward this end, EPA is also evaluating alternative technologies such as machine wet cleaning, liquid CO₂, and ultrasonics.

For more information on the DfE Garment and Textile Care Program, please call the Program Helpline at 888 249-8883, or 703 841-4819 in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

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EPA Publications

The following publications focusing on the garment care industry can be obtained, at no charge, from EPA's Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse at:

Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 401 M Street, SW. (7409) Washington, DC 20460 Phone: 202 260-1023 Fax: 202 260-4659

Design for the Environment: Garment and Textile Care Program Fact Sheet

EPA744-F-93-004, (August '97) 2 pages

This fact sheet provides an up-to-date description of EPA's DfE Garment and Textile Care Program and research efforts. Also available in Korean.

Common Questions About Dry Cleaning

EPA744-K-96-003, (December '97) 16 pages

This booklet addresses some of the potential health and environmental concerns with perc, and attempts to answer questions that consumers may have about dry cleaning. The booklet also provides information on alternative garment care technologies such as wet cleaning (available late 1997).

Wet Cleaning

EPA744-K-96-002, (May '97) 16 Pages

This booklet offers a summary of the alternative technology known as machine wet cleaning, and lists garment care facilities nationwide that offer this service. Also available in Korean.

Training Curriculum for Alternative Clothes Cleaning

EPA744-R-97-004a (Vol. I: Curriculum) 115 pages

EPA744-R-97-004b (Vol. II: Instructor's Manual and Presentation Materials)
192 pages

This training course teaches garment care professionals and staff about wet cleaning. Developed by the University of Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Institute, this course explains how wet cleaning works and how to operate a wet cleaning facility. The course also explains how to convert a dry cleaning facility to a wet cleaning facility.

Proceedings: Apparel Care and the Environment—Alternative Technologies and Labeling

EPA744-R-96-002 219 pages

This proceedings document is a record of a conference held in September 1996, between key stakeholders to learn about and discuss developments in alternative technologies and care labeling. These proceedings include transcribed presentations, copies of visual aids presented during the conference, and a summary of discussion sessions.

Plain English Guide for Perc Dry Cleaners: A Step-by-Step Approach to Understanding Federal Environmental Regulations

English: EPA305-B-96-002, Korean: EPA305-B-97-001 64 pages

This document summarizes the national environmental regulations that apply to garment care professionals who use perc, and provides a step-by-step approach to compliance.

Multimedia Inspection Guidance for Dry Cleaning Facilities

EPA305-F-96-001 100 pages

This inspection manual was developed to assist field personnel in state, local, and EPA regional offices in conducting multimedia inspections of garment care facilities that use perc.

Dry Cleaning Sector Compliance Strategy

EPA305-F-96-003 80 pages

This document outlines EPA's strategy to provide compliance assistance to the perc garment care industry. It provides a background of the industry and describes primary compliance issues. This document is meant to help federal, state, and local regulators understand the specific compliance needs and challenges of the garment care industry.

Profile of the Dry Cleaning Industry

EPA310-R-95-001 84 pages

This document provides information on all aspects of the garment care industry, including general industry information, industrial processes used, pollution prevention techniques, pollutant release data, regulatory requirements, and examples of current EPA initiatives geared toward the garment care industry. This document can also be found on the Web at (http://es.inel.gov/comply/sector/index.html).

Chemicals in the Environment: Perchloroethylene

EPA749-F-94-020 2 pages

This brochure explains what perc is, how it is used, and what happens once it enters the environment.

Summary of a Report on Multiprocess Wet Cleaning

EPA744-S-94-001 10 pages

This booklet summarizes the results of the initial research comparing multiprocess wet cleaning and dry cleaning presented in the *Report on Multiprocess Wet Cleaning* (EPA744-R-93-004). Also available in Korean.

Multiprocess Wet Cleaning: Cost and Performance Comparison of Conventional Dry Cleaning and an Alternative Process

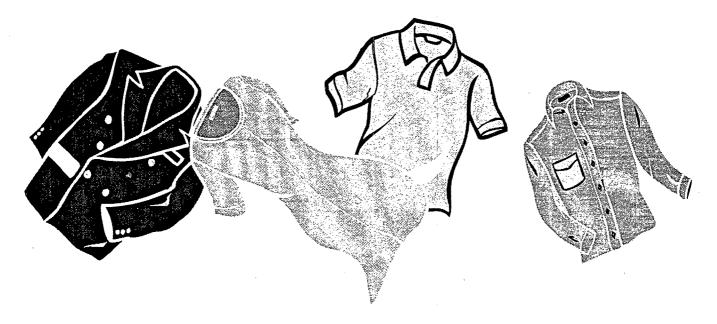
EPA744-R-93-004 186 pages

This technical report explains the results of research done in 1993 on the performance and cost of multiprocess wet cleaning vs. dry cleaning. This research was one of the first studies done on alternative cleaning methods.

International Roundtable on Pollution Prevention and Control in the Drycleaning Industry

EPA774-R-92-002 302 pages

This proceedings document is a record of a conference held May 27-28, 1992, in Falls Church, Virginia, to identify options for reducing exposures to perc in the garment care industry.



EPA Internet Resources

The Internet is a convenient tool for researching nearly any topic, including garment care. Because homepages are constantly revised, up-to-the-minute information can be accessed soon after it is posted. Garment care professionals who wish to stay informed about developments within their industry may want to consider learning more about the options available on the Internet.

Searching the Internet for information is simple. Topics can be accessed using "keywords."

Someone interested in learning more about wet cleaning technologies, for example, can key in wet cleaning, and your "browser" software will search the Internet for any site that contains these words. The user then has the option to visit the sites found in the search by selecting the name of the site.

Design for the Environment Garment and Textile Care Homepage

The DfE Garment and Textile Care Homepage is located at (http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/dfe/garment/garment.html). The garment care page contains online versions of most of the EPA publications listed on pages 3 and 4 of this guide, as well as information on upcoming events, project partners, and links to other related sites. EPA's DfE Program helps businesses incorporate environmental considerations into the design and redesign of products, processes, and technical and management systems.

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA)/Office of Research and Development (ORD) Network

This network, also known as Enviro\$en\$e, is an interagency-supported system operated by OECA and ORD. The network allows regulators, the regulated community, technical experts, and the general public to share information regarding pollution prevention and innovative technology; environmental enforcement and compliance assistance; laws, Executive orders, regulations, and policies; points of contact for services and equipment; and other related

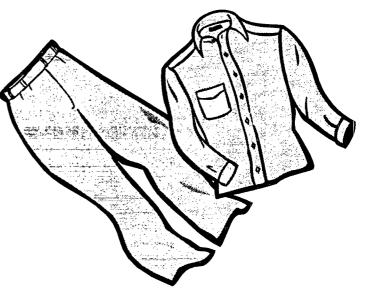
topics. The network houses industrial sector notebooks on 18 major industries, including garment care at (http://es.inel.gov/comply/sector/index.html). The garment care sector notebook includes:

- A comprehensive environmental profile of the industry.
- Industrial process information.
- Pollution prevention techniques.
- Pollutant release data.
- Regulatory requirements.
- A compliance and enforcement history of the industry.
- Innovative programs.
- Contact names for further information.

Additional information on garment care can be found by contacting the OECA/ORD technical information page at (http://es.inel.gov/techinfo/techinfo.html), including:

- Fact Sheet: Dry Cleaning and Waste Reduction Page provides tips on better garment care work practices.

 http://es.inel.gov/techinfo/facts/driclean.html
- Dry Cleaning Industry Page outlines steps that garment care professionals can take to ensure proper perc separation in water separators. http://es.inel.gov/techinfo/facts/cheklist.html
- Filter Drying Units Studied for Use at Dry Cleaners Page describes a study measuring the efficiency of carbon adsorption technology. http://es.inel.gov/studies/cs45.html



Other Government Resources

■ EPA, in partnership with the garment care industry and others, is examining alternatives to traditional garment care and providing support to garment care professionals who want to reduce their exposure to perc.

401 M Street, SW. Washington, DC 20460

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Cindy Stroup, DfE Program 202 260-3889

George Smith, Emissions Standards Division 919 541-1549

Joyce Chandler, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance 202 564-7073

Toll-Free Helpline 888 249-8883 Helpline E-mail Address: dfe_gtcp@cais.net

EPA has established a toll-free helpline for garment and textile care professionals to call with questions about compliance, alternative technologies, and other technical issues.

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is charged with researching health and safety aspects of industry and generating information from its findings. In its work with the garment care industry, NIOSH is conducting studies on the machines currently used, potential retrofits, associated work practices, and the effects of perc exposure.

4676 Columbia Parkway Cincinnati, OH 45226-1998 Gary S. Earnest 513 841-4370 or 800 35-NIOSH (64674) Occupational Safety and Health
Administration (OSHA) is evaluating the industries affected by the reduction of perc permissible exposure limits, one of which is the garment and textile care industry. OSHA's research efforts focus on reducing worker exposure to perc, assessing technologies in terms of exposure levels, and investigating viable substitutes.

200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 3718 Washington, DC 20210

Lyn Penniman, Office of Health Standards 202 219-7111, Ext. 135

Paul Bolon, Office of Regulatory Analysis 202 219-7283

■ Environment Canada, the Canadian equivalent of EPA, has general information about such issues as Canadian environmental assessments, national water research, pollution data, and climate information. It also has published a workbook for garment care professionals called *The Green Team*, which outlines better work practices and pollution prevention ideas that garment care professionals can implement to reduce workers' exposure to perc.

25 Saint Claire Street, East Toronto, ON M4T 1M2 Canada Brad Cumming 416 739-5883 416 739-4251 fax http://www.ns.doe.ca

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is responsible for enforcing the Care Labeling Rule, which informs consumers about proper cleaning methods for garments they buy, and helps consumers and garment care professionals clean products without damaging them. FTC is also considering modification of the Care Labeling Rule to permit the use of garment labels that allow for professional wet cleaning when appropriate. The latest developments on the amendment of the Care Labeling Rule are posted on the FTC's homepage at http://www.ftc.gov.

Federal Trade Commission 601 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 4302 (S) Washington, DC 20580 Stephen Ecklund, Bureau of Consumer Protection 202 326-2841 202 326-2558 fax http://www.ftc.gov

Business Development Center (SBDC)
Program provides management assistance to current and prospective small business owners. SBDCs offer one-stop assistance to small businesses by providing a wide variety of information and guidance in central and easily accessible branch locations. For a complete list of SBDCs nationwide, call 202 205-6766. The following SBDC contacts specialize in environmental assistance.

Dept. of Commerce and Community Affairs 620 East Adams Springfield, IL 62701 Mark Enstrom 217 524-5856

University of Kentucky Business and Economics Building, Room 235 Lexington, KY 40506 Greg Copley 606 257-7668



University of Nebraska at Omaha 1313 Farnam Street, Suite 132 Omaha, NE 68182 Rick Yoder 402 472-1183

University of Nevada in Reno College of Business Administration/032 Reno, NV 89557-0100 Kevin Dick 702 784-1717

University of Pennsylvania 3733 Spruce Street Philadelphia, PA 19104 Christopher Lynch 215 898-1219

Dallas County Community College 1402 Corinth Street, Suite 1520 Dallas, TX 75215 Ron Gordon 214 860-5822

Vermont Technical College P.O. Box 422 Randolph, VT 05060 Peter Crawford 802 728-9101

Department of Economic Development 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1900 Richmond, VA 23219-0446



Organizational Resources

any nongovernment organizations can provide helpful service for garment care professionals and others interested in garment care issues. These service organizations range from national trade associations to public interest groups. Listings include contact names, phone and fax numbers, and web site addresses where applicable.

National Trade Associations

■ Canadian Cleaners & Launderers Allied Trade Association

299 Mill Road Suite 2108 Etobicoke, ON M9C 4V9 Canada Steve Freeman, President 416 622-7442

Canadian Fabricare Association

P.O. Box 24026 Kitchener, ON N2M 5P1 Canada V.W. (Vic) Vandermolen, Executive Director 519 576-4500 519 576-8869 fax

■ Canadian Laundry & Linen Institute

P.O. Box 2277, Station A London, ON N6A 4E9 Canada 519 434-6261 519 434-6261 fax

Canadian Research Institute of Launderers and Cleaners

135 Ottawa Street, South Kitchener, ON N2G 3T1 Canada Bill Renaud, President 416 620-1207

Cleaners and Launderers Association Executives

P.O. Box 924135 Houston, TX 77292 Jean Warnke, Secretary 713 468-1245

■ Coin Laundry Association

1315 Butterfield Road, Suite 212 Downers Grove, IL 60515 Doug Ewald, Chairman 630 963-5547 630 963-5864 fax http://www.coinlaundry.org

■ Federation of Korean Drycleaners Association

54 East Avenue New Canaan, CT 06840 Moon Jong Chung, President 203 966-8192 203 966-3609 fax

■ International Drycleaners Congress

343 Salem Street Wakefield, MA 01880 William Pulley, Executive Director 800 442-6848 617 224-0166 fax

International Fabricare Institute

12251 Tech Road Silver Spring, MD 20904 William Fisher, Chief Executive Officer 301 622-1900, Ext. 113 301 236-9320 fax http://www.ifi.org

■ Korean Dry Cleaners Business Group

4715 Commerce Lane Bethesda, MD 20814 Max Oh, President 301 654-1500

■ National Coalition of Petroleum Dry Cleaners

6000 Executive Boulevard Suite 201 Rockville, MD 20852-3803 Sam Carraway 301 468-2550 301 881-6572 fax

Neighborhood Cleaners Association-International

252 West 29th Street
New York, NY 10001
William Seitz, Executive Director
212 967-3002
212 967-2240 fax
http://home.sprynet.com/sprynet/ncai

■ Non Affiliated Drycleaners Alliance

7950 Henry Avenue Suite 5A Philadelphia, PA 19128-3005 Scott R. Alloway 215 482-4036 http://members.aol.com/nadagroup/ Network.html

■ Uniform and Textile Service Association

1300 North 17th Street Suite 750 Arlington, VA 22209 David Hobson, President 703 247-2600 http://www.utsa.com

Regional Associations

California Fabricare Institute

The Messersmith Group 1730 I Street Suite 240 Sacramento, CA 95814 Lee Adler, CAE 916 443-9023 or 916 443-0986 916 443-8065 fax http://www.californiafabricare.com

■ Mid-America Fabricare Association

3305 Jamison Avenue St. Louis, MO 63139 Dennis Loomis, Executive Director 314 644-5583 314 644-9513 fax (Serving Kansas and Missouri)

Mid-Atlantic Cleaners & Launderers Association

15435 Eagle Tavern Lane Centreville, VA 22020 Don Coleman, President 703 222-9828 703 222-1258 fax (Serving Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, DC)

■ Northeast Fabricare Association

343 Salem Street
Wakefield, MA 01880
Charles Anton, President
800 442-6848
617 224-0166 fax
(Serving Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New
Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Vermont,
New Hampshire, and Maine)
http://shore.net/n683nefa.htm

■ Northwest Drycleaners Association

3425 Vernhardson Street Gig Harbor, WA 98332 Deborah Rechnitz, Executive Director 800 676-9322 206 851-6327 253 858-2013 fax (Serving Washington, Alaska, and Idaho)

■ Rocky Mountain Fabricare Association

2150 West 29th Avenue Suite 310 Denver, CO 80211 Gary Leeper, Executive Director 303 433-4446 303 458-0002 fax (Serving Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming)

■ South Central Fabricare Association

812 North President Street Jackson, MS 39202 Jim Shepherd, President 601 352-4291 (Serving Louisiana and Mississippi)

■ Southeastern Fabricare Association

500 Sugar Mill Road Suite 200-A Atlanta, GA 30350 Joel Desech, Executive Director 770 998-9900 770 998-1441 fax (Serving Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina) http://www.sefa.org

Southwest Drycleaners Association

1800 NE. Loop 410, Suite 308
San Antonio, TX 78210
Andrew Stanley Jr., CAE, Executive Director
210 826-4684
(Serving Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma,
and Texas)
http://207.222.206.166

Public Interest Groups

Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports, is a nonprofit organization established to provide consumers with information and advice on goods, services, health, and personal finance, and to initiate and cooperate with individual and group efforts to maintain and enhance the quality of life for consumers.

101 Truman Avenue Yonkers, NY 10703-1057 Barbara Warren 914 378-2000

Greenpeace, a nonprofit research and advocacy organization, will issue a new report on garment care and the role of alternative technologies in the fall of 1997. The report, tentatively titled, Out of Fashion: Transition to a Toxic-free Fabric Care Industry, champions wet cleaning and looks ahead to innovations such as liquid carbon dioxide and other nontoxic cleaning methods.

847 West Jackson Boulevard, Seventh Floor Chicago, IL 60607 Dave DeRosa 312 563-6060 312 563-6099 fax http://www.greenpeace.org/~usa/campaigns/ toxics/wetclean.html

■ Healthy Alternatives to Perc Project provides Korean-American garment care professionals with accurate and timely information about new alternatives and technologies that could enhance business operations, as well as create healthy environments.

Korean Youth & Community Center 680 South Wilton Place Los Angeles, CA 90005 Jenni Cho, Program Manager 213 365-7400, Ext. 144

Research and Technical Assistance Organizations

■ CAMP, Inc. (formerly Cleveland Advanced Manufacturing Program), a nonprofit organization based in the Cleveland, Ohio area, has a 2-year plan to reduce the release of perc in the Great Lakes Basin. With help from the Center for Neighborhood Technology, CAMP provides resources to assist garment care professionals interested in wet cleaning as an alternative to using perc.

18554 Haskins Road Chagrin Falls, OH 44023 Joseph Chadbourne 440 543-7303 440 543-7160 fax

■ Center for Emissions Control is a chemical industry-funded clearinghouse that distributes information on technologies for controlling the release of chlorinated solvents (as used by the garment care industry) into the environment. A booklet called *The Safe Handling of Perchloroethylene Drycleaning Solvent* can be ordered free of charge.

2001 L Street, NW. Suite 506A Washington, DC 20036 Steve Risotto 800 835-5520 or 202 785-4374 202 833-0381 fax http://www.cec-dc.org

■ Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT), a nonprofit, educational and technical support organization, is a stakeholder in the DfE Garment and Textile Care Program. CNT has developed a report on a wet cleaning demonstration shop, the Greener Cleaner, that includes financial and performance data. A promotional video on wet cleaning called Wet Cleaning: the Wave of the Future is also available.

2125 West North Avenue Chicago, IL 60647 Sylvia Ewing Hoover 773 278-4800, Ext. 129 773 278-3840 fax http://www.cnt.org/sus_man/wet_cln.html ■ Cuyahoga Community College FabriCare
Technology Center, opening Fall 1997, will be
a comprehensive source of technology
transfer, training, and information for the
garment care industry. The center will provide
services and support in both traditional and
emerging technologies. As the center
develops, it will provide outreach at both the
state and national levels.

The Small Business Environmental Assistance Center Cuyahoga Community College 2415 Woodland Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115 Sharon Fain 216 987-3060

ecology Action is a private, nonprofit organization working with businesses and local governments to reduce hazardous and solid waste and conserve material resources. In 1997, the group started the Safer Technologies in Fabric Care Program to assist garment cleaners in exploring new technologies. As part of this program, Ecology Action is hosting seminars covering wet cleaning equipment operation, cleaning techniques, marketing approaches, and financial incentive programs.

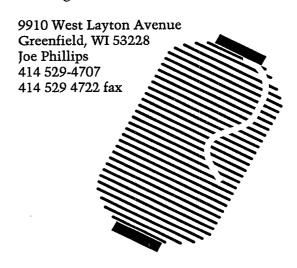
P.O. Box 1188
Santa Cruz, CA 95061
Mahlon Aldridge
408 426-5925, Ext. 16
http://gate.cruzio.com/~ecoact

Tellus Institute is a research organization that publishes reports on a variety of environmental issues such as Clean Air Act compliance and environmental cost accounting for businesses. Tellus Institute is a stakeholder in the DfE Garment and Textile Care Project, and has developed a Pollution Prevention/Waste Minimization manual for garment care professionals.

11 Arlington Street Boston, MA 02116-3411 Dr. Deborah Savage 617 266-5400 617 266-8303 fax http://www.tellus.org Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI), a research, education, policy, and technical support organization, has developed a curriculum and related workshops to train garment care professionals to reduce their use of solvents. The curriculum focuses on alternative cleaning technologies, particularly wet cleaning, and includes sections on economics, worker health and safety, and liability issues. As part of its Cleaner Technology Demonstration Sites Program, TURI also has developed an in-depth analysis of the technology demonstrated in 1996 at Utopia Cleaners in Arlington, Massachusetts. This report documents Utopia's experience with a small wet cleaning machine, including the challenges faced by the cleaner, and how it overcame them.

University of Massachusetts—Lowell 1 University Avenue Lowell, MA 01854-2851 Jodie Siegel 508 934-3275 508 934-3050 fax http://www.turi.org

Wisconsin Fabricare Institute developed the Wisconsin Certified Environmental Drycleaners exam. Developed in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, this program is designed to help cleaners use perc more efficiently, comply with regulations, and pass tests on cleaning and the environment. As part of their 5 Star program, a cleaner must do 30 percent wet cleaning to attain 5 Stars and 25 percent wet cleaning to attain 4 Stars.



University and College Programs

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Alternatives to Reduce Indoor Air Emissions From Perchloroethylene Dry Cleaning and Dry Cleaned Fabrics is a cooperative project between North Carolina State University, Texas Woman's University, and Midwest Research Institute to evaluate new garment cleaning technologies with respect to physical, cleaning, and environmental effects. Each technology will be tested against standard perc cleaning, as well as against each other, to determine which methods have the most promising results.

North Carolina State University College of Textiles Box 8301 Raleigh, NC 27695-8301 Dr. Perry Grady, Associate Dean 919 515-6651 919 515-3057 fax

■ Cuyahoga Community College FabriCare Technology Center (see p. 11 for description)

The Small Business Environmental Assistance Center Cuyahoga Community College 2415 Woodland Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115 Sharon Fain 216 987-3060

Texas Research Center for Laundry and Dry Cleaning, at Texas Woman's University, provides a facility for educational programs, research, and training in laundering and garment care technology. In addition, applied research relating to cleaning technology with consideration for environmental and quality concerns in the laundry and garment care industry is conducted there.

Texas Woman's University P.O. Box 425529 Denton, TX 76204 Charles Riggs 817 898-2670 ■ Toxics Use Reduction Institute (see p. 11 for description)

University of Massachusetts—Lowell 1 University Avenue Lowell, MA 01854-2851 Jodie Siegel 508 934-3275 508 934-3050 fax http://www.turi.org

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Pollution Prevention Education and Research Center Wet Cleaning Demonstration Project is a 12-month evaluation and demonstration of a fully operational, privately owned wet cleaning facility called Cleaner by Nature. The intent of this study is to assess whether wet cleaning can serve as an alternative to dry cleaning based on data gathered at the demonstration site.

Pollution Prevention Education and Research Center UCLA 3250 Public Policy Building Los Angeles, CA 90095-1656 Jessica Goodheart, Project Manager 310 206-4450 310 825-1575 fax

Labor Unions

 United Needleworkers and Industrial Textile Employees

275 Seventh Avenue Sixth Floor New York, NY 10001 Eric Frumin 212 691-1691 212 807-0874 fax

■ Textile Care Allied Trades Association

200 Broadacres Drive Bloomfield, NJ 07003 David Cotter, Executive Director 201 338-7700 201 338-8211 fax

Other Nongovernment Resources

Education (FLARE) is a grassroots organization composed of volunteers from within the garment care industry. FLARE's mission is to foster an environment in which the garment care industry can prosper. The organization seeks to accomplish this by providing a communications channel for the industry to facilitate discussion and education among industry members, regulators, legislators, and the general public on issues pertaining to the industry.

P.O. Box 5157 Naperville, IL 60567-5157 James Mayberry 708 416-6221 708 416-4150 fax

- Professional Wet Cleaning Partnership is a cooperative partnership dedicated to encouraging the development and demonstration of professional wet cleaning methods, and to helping cleaners survive and prosper in the face of heightened regulatory pressures. Participating organizations include:
 - International Fabricare Institute
 - Greenpeace
 - Neighborhood Cleaners Association-International
 - Center for Neighborhood Technology
 - Fabricare Legislative and Regulatory Education Council
 - Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Institute
 - Federation of Korean Drycleaning Associations
 - Union of Needletrades, Industrial & Textile Employees
 - University of California, Los Angeles

c/o Sylvia Ewing Hoover Center for Neighborhood Technology 773 278-4800, Ext. 129 or William Fisher International Fabricare Institute 301 622-1900

Other Internet Resources

In addition to EPA information on garment care, the Internet houses information on an abundance of relevant organizations, articles, and fact sheets, including:

- The Center for Neighborhood Technology, a nonprofit educational and technical assistance organization, has a homepage that is an excellent source of news about alternative garment care options, with a focus on wet cleaning. The site also offers a list of resources that can be requested by e-mail. http://www.cnt.org./sus_man/wet_cln.html
- The Corner Cleaner Page, "A World Wide Web Resource for Drycleaners," is an essential site for Web-browsing garment care professionals. This homepage offers a wide range of current resources, such as Clean Air Act rules and other regulatory information, articles on recent developments in the industry, and links to other garment care related sites. http://www.pond.com/~hhorning/Cleaners.html
- Dateline/Calendar Pages chronicle upcoming events in the garment care industry.

 http://www.pond.com/~hhorning/events/dateline.html
- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Waste Management has a homepage dealing directly with its Drycleaning Solvent Cleanup Program, which gives information on how to obtain an application form and a site screening form for your garment care facility.

 http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/programs/dryclean/index.htm
- The Ohio State University Extension Page offers a fact sheet on rayon. This site also gives in-depth information on the qualities, types, and ways to clean rayon. http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~ohioline/hygfact/5000/5538.html

Periodical Publications

American Drycleaner

500 North Dearborn Street Chicago, IL 60610-4901 Earl V. Fischer, Editor 312 337-7700

Drycleaners News

70 Edwin Avenue P.O. Box 2180 Waterbury, CT 06722-2180 Dave Johnston, Editor 203 755-0158

Korean Drycleaners Monthly

P.O. Box 318 Fort Lee, NJ 07024 John Chung, Editor 201 585-7299

Korean Drycleaners Times

145 Madison Avenue, Sixth Floor New York, NY 10016 J.C. Choe, Publisher 212 545-1815

National Clothesline

801 Easton Road P.O. Box 340 Willow Grove, PA 19090-0340 Hal Horning, Editor 215 830-8467

Western Cleaner and Launderer

100 North Hill Avenue Suite C Pasadena, CA 91160 Dorothy Ballard, Liz Church, and Joan Reid, Editors 818 793-2911

Wet Cleaning Update

Center for Neighborhood Technology 2125 West North Avenue Chicago, IL 60647 Anthony Star, Associate Editor 312 278-4800, Ext. 299 http://www.cnt.org/sus_man/wet_cln.html

EPA Regional Offices

EPA's 10 regional offices work closely with state and local governments, as well as with EPA headquarters. Listed below are contacts within EPA's regional offices that can answer questions about garment care regulatory compliance, management of garment care solvents, and pollution prevention options (where noted).

Region 1 [Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont]

JFK Federal Building 1 Congress Street Boston, MA 02203-2211

Doug Koopman, Compliance 617 565-3252 E-mail: koopman.doug@epamail.epa.gov

Region 2 [New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands]

290 Broadway New York, NY 10007-1866

Diane Buxbaum, Compliance 212 637-3919 E-mail: buxbaum.diane@epamail.epa.gov

Venkata Rao, Compliance 212 637-4053 E-mail: rao.venkata@epamail.epa.gov

Edward Linky, Pollution Prevention 212 637-3764

Region 3 [Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia]

841 Chestnut Building Philadelphia, PA 19107

James C. Kenney, Compliance 215 566-2152 E-mail: kenney.james@epamail.epa.gov

David Byro, Pollution Prevention 800 228-8711 (Business Assistance Center) E-mail: byro.david@epamail.epa.gov

Region 4 [Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee]

61 Forsyth Street, SW. Atlanta, GA 30303-3415

Rosalyn Hughes, Compliance 404 562-9206

E-mail: hughes.rosalyn@epamail.epa.gov

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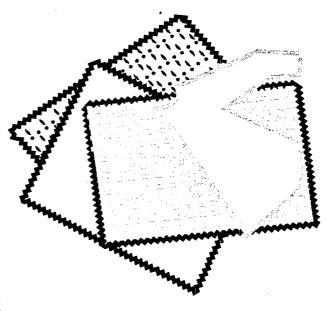
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